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SUBJECT: THE AFGHANS AND JULY 4

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1. AFGHANS TRADITIONALLY USE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS AS OCCASIONS TO ISSUE PRO-FORMA PRAISE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IN EACH CASE. THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT JULY 4 MESSAGES TO UNITED STATES ARE UNUSUALLY CORDIAL AND SPECIFIC AND MAY REPRESENT AN ATTEMPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GAO) TO UNDERLINE ITS SATISFACTION WITH US/AFGHAN RELATIONS.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE WAS EXTENSIVE (REFTEL). NEWSPAPERS CITED U.S. INTERNATIONAL ROLE WHICH PROMOTES "CONSOLIDATION AND PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, DEMOCRATIC VALUES, PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT,... AND BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE HAVE AND HAVE NOT NATIONS." AN EDITORIAL ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE AND MENTIONED U.S. "CONSIDERABLE" ASSISTANCE TO UN AGENCIES. EDITORIALS ON SAME OCCASION IN 1974 AND 1975 WERE MORE VAGUE AND SUBDUED. IN THOSE YEARS ONLY SPECIFIC POLICIES MENTIONED WERE IN BRIEF REFERENCES TO U.S. "GROWING APPRECIATION OF THE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT"

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AND TO U.S. MEDIATION EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST.

3. THE TURN-OUT OF HIGH LEVEL GOA OFFICIALS WAS EXCELLENT AT A FILM SHOWING AT WHICH AMBASSADOR WAS HOST. ATTENDANCE BY CABINET MEMBERS WAS HIGHEST AT ANY AMERICAN FUNCTION IN RECENT MEMORY.

4. PRESIDENT DAOUD'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD WAS FULL OF SUPERLATIVES --- A MARKED CONTRAST WITH LAST YEAR'S RATHER FORMAL GREETING. THE MESSAGE REFERS TO THE "HEROIC REVOLUTION OF THE GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE AGAINST COLONIALISM" CALLING THIS "ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD."

5. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IN THE AFTERGLOW OF THE NAIM VISIT TO THE U.S., THE GOA WAS MOVED TO NEW LEVELS OF ELOQUENCE. BUT THE WHOLE TREND OF AFGHAN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLITICS DURING THE PAST YEAR LEADS US TO BELIEVE THESE BOUQUETS REFLECT A POLICY DECISION TO SEEK CLOSER TIES WITH THE U.S.
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